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Application No.: Unassigned	
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For: ENTERIC AND COLONIC DELIVERY USING HPMC CAPSULES	) : )
Commissioner for Patents	

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Washington, D.C. 20231

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449 submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R § § 1.98 (a) (1) and 1.98 (b). It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein. As this Information Disclosure Statement is filed with the application, it is believed to be timely in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97 (b)(1).

While no representation is made that any of these references may be "prior art" within the meaning of that term under 35 U.S.C. § § 102 or 103, the enclosed list of references is disclosed so as to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney or agent of record believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

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The following listed references are not enclosed because, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (d), they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the prior application, USSN 09/396,225 filed on September 15, 1999, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.

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